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SUBJECT: MIG-21 MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS

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1. AS INSTRUCTED, I MET WITH UK AMBASSADOR MORRIS TODAY TO INFORM HIM THAT MARWAN HAS REQUESTED LOCKHEED REPRESENTATIVES TO VISIT EGYPT FOR FURTHER DISCUSSIONS ON MIG-21 AIRFRAME MAINTENANCE. LOCKHEED REPRESENTATIVE IS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE FEBRUARY 27. WE WISHED MORRIS TO KNOW ABOUT MARWAN REQUEST AND LOCKHEED RESPONSE SO THAT THERE IS NO MISUNDERSTANDING ABOUT IT. WE HAVE INFORMED LOCKHEED THAT USG CANNOT BE INVOLVED.

2. I DID NOT PROVIDE DETAILS OF WHAT VADER PROPOSES TO DISCUSS WHILE IN CAIRO, SINCE IT SEEMS TO ME THIS IS PRIVILEGED INFORMATION.

3. MORRIS EXPRESSED APPRECIATION AND SAID HE HAD HEARD ONLY THIS MORNING THAT BOTH LOCKHEED AND GE ARE STILL ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN TRYING TO PERSUADE GOE TO ACCEPT THEIR OFFER. IT APPEARS MARWAN HAS ALSO INVITED

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NATIONALIZED BAC (OF WHICH HAWKER SIDDELEY IS NOW A PART) REPRESENTATIVE TO VISIT EGYPT AND LATTER IS ALSO SCHEDULED ARRIVE FEBRUARY 27. MORRIS AND I SPECULATED THAT MARWAN, WHOSE AOI WILL BE INVOLVED IN MIG MAINTENANCE, HAS IN MIND HAVING REPRESENTATIVES OF BAC AND LOCKHEED PRESENT IN ORDER TO ENGAGE IN CUSTOMARY EGYPTIAN AUCTION BIDDING ON MIG AIRFRAME CONTRACT. EILTS

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